Child Support Distribution Accounting "Buckets"

Current Support

Not assigned current support

• Owed + collected during assistance period

Assigned

current support

• Owed + collected after assistance period

= state keeps
= family gets money

Arrears

"Permanently assigned" arrears

arrears

- Owed during assistance period
- Owed before 1997
- Collected anytime

"Temporarily assigned" arrears

- Owed before assistance period
- Collected during assistance period

"Conditionally assigned" arrears

- Owed before assistance period
- Collected after assistance period
- Federal tax offset collection

"Unassigned pre-assistance" arrears

- Owed before assistance period
- Collected after assistance period
- Collected by any means except federal tax offset

"Unassigned during assistance" arrears

- Owed during assistance period
- Collected when welfare costs are fully reimbursed

"Never assigned" arrears

- Owed after assistance period
 - Collected after assistance period

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